

Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division
Status Update: June 13, 2008 at 8 p.m.

Governor's Declarations under 1976 PA 390, as amended:

On June 13, Governor Granholm signed five separate "state of emergency" proclamations to mobilize direct state resources to assist the following affected local jurisdictions with their most serious health and safety concerns:

- Mason County to provide resources to address the numerous road washouts that occurred in the county due to the June 12-13 storms.
- Allegan County to provide resources to address road washouts that occurred in the county due to the June 6-8 storms.
- Eaton County to provide resources to address road washouts that occurred in the county due to the June 6-8 storms.
- The City of Lansing in Ingham County to provide resources to address lingering, serious public health and safety concerns related to the large volume of vegetative debris remaining within public roadway rights-of-way and on sidewalks and in public alleyways.
- The City of Saginaw in Saginaw County to provide resources to address lingering, serious public health and safety concerns related to the large volume of vegetative debris remaining within public roadway rights-of-way and on sidewalks and in public alleyways.

State agency direct assistance will begin as soon as the requisite resources can be mobilized and connected with the appropriate local officials.

Local Updates- Severe Weather on June 13

Mason County:

The City of Ludington sewer main at 801 S. Madison Street in Ludington was damaged and is spilling into Pere Marquette Lake. The Public Health Department has shut down both Buttersville Beach and Sterns Beach. Initial reports also indicate a portion of the railroad line have been destroyed in between Fountain and Freesoil. A total of 1,200 residences are without power across the county. There are over 50 road closures and US-31 is being rerouted north of US-10. Reports indicate 250 miles of roadways are impassable. In addition, the Hamlin Lake Dam river gauge (which is normally at 7.4 feet) is currently at 9.5 feet. The dam appears to be holding and stable at this time; however as a precautionary measure the Ludington State Park has been evacuated. Damage Assessment teams are out at this time doing preliminary damage assessment. In addition, Michigan State Police and U.S. Coast Guard helicopters completed aerial damage assessment surveys on June 13. Damage Assessment teams report the Partridge Point areas west are inaccessible.

EMS personnel are assessing the closed/washed out roads so they can map emergency routes for ambulance service if needed. Within the City of Ludington, Madison Street has a complete wash out breaking a sewer main. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), U.S. Coast Guard and County Health Department have all been notified. The water supply for the city is okay except for Whitehall Industries, where steps have been taken for providing fresh water to employees. Ludington State Park is being evacuated of campers due to the threat at the Hamlin Lake Dam. There are numerous reports of power outages and phone outages throughout the county. The Red Cross has opened a shelter at the O.J. DeJonge Junior High School. The City of Ludington has closed the Copeyn Park boat ramp. Sewer repairs on the Madison Street sewer main break will begin on June 14. The Road Commission has used all barricades and received more from two other counties and ordered more from a supplier. Several fire departments have units assisting with traffic control at detours.

Missaukee County:

Severe storms on June 12-13 produced strong winds, hail, and torrential rains (approximately 4-6 inches of rain overnight). The county is currently under flash flood warning. Reports from the County Road Commission indicate that many roads in the county are damaged or washed out. Crews are unable to determine full extent of damage at this time due to standing water on roadways. When the water recedes it is anticipated that many roads will have been undermined and will need to be rebuilt. The Road Commission also expects to find damaged culverts and damage to bridge headwalls as water recedes and everything settles. The county Emergency Manager conducted a damage assessment tour of approximately 70 miles of roads and found 10 areas of water over the road with the road closed / washed out. Currently 3 roads are closed due to washout (approximately 10-15 miles of washout at this time). The Region 7 Medical Coordination Center is standing by for resource requests for Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee Counties (Region 7), and Mason and other Counties in Region 6, if coordination of medical assets needed.

Wexford County:

Wexford County received heavy rains causing flooding of roads and some homes throughout the county. A tornado was sighted but unconfirmed. There are an unknown number of homes and businesses without power. Damage assessments are ongoing. The Wexford County Road Commission reports that five roads are closed due to water over the roadway. Approximately 20 to 30 washouts have been reported at culverts in the county. The City of Cadillac is reporting houses with water in basements on Sunnyside Drive and on the south side of Lake Cadillac. Water is also reported in the Consumers Power Station in Cadillac. The Region 7 Medical Coordination Center is standing by for resource requests for Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee Counties (Region 7), and Mason and other Counties in Region 6, if coordination of medical assets needed.

Great Lake Central Railroad Company indicated they have two areas with damage. The railroad line just south of Cadillac has some undermining but trains are able to pass while traveling at a slow rate. In the village of Boon, the railroad company indicated that there was a complete wash out. They have crews working on the repair and expect it to be functional by Tuesday, June 17.

Lake County:

Damage assessment teams at Luther Dam report that the water level has gone down 2 inches; however, below the dam there is more water than the tubes can flow and the water level is above the tubes. At noon on June 13, the Lake County Road Commission closed 10 Mile Road east of State Road and James Road and 6 Mile Road.

State Agency Responses

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is scheduled to be activated June 14-15 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Representatives from several state agencies will be present, including the departments of Environment Quality, Military and Veterans Affairs, Natural Resources, State Police and Transportation.

The MSP is providing 15 law enforcement personnel to cover Mason County overnight to ensure protect public health and safety, specifically related to washed out roads until barricades are in place.

The MSP Aviation Unit conducted a damage assessment flight today over the affected six-county area, specifically Mason County, to obtain aerial photos and video footage. Initial review of photos indicate significant flooding to residences and farm land, washed out roadways, eroded shoreline, and damaged sanitary sewer and water infrastructure.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Cadillac Special Crews Facility is in the process of providing approximately 80 barrels to Mason County to block access to washed away and eroded roadways. MDOT is activating additional personnel to deliver barrels to Mason County Road Commission facility. MDOT personnel are on-scene at the U.S. 31 washed out areas to put up detour route signs.

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) activated the Region 6 Medical Coordination Center to monitor possible health and medical concerns.

Federal Assessment Results

The Small Business Administration (SBA) damage assessment today in the City of Lansing identified 17 structures with major damage, which does not meet the requirement of 25 structures for SBA assistance.

Local Declarations

Eaton County (June 8)
City of Lansing (June 8)
Ottawa County (June 9)
Delta Township (June 9)
Allegan County (June 10, submitted June 11 to MSP/EMHSD)
Saginaw County (June 11)
Osceola County (June 11)
Barry County (June 12)
Lake County (June 13)
Mason County (June 13)

Request for a Governor's Declaration

- Allegan County
 - Declared June 13
- Eaton County
 - Declared June 13
- Mason County
 - Declared June 13
- City of Lansing
 - Declared on June 13
- Saginaw County
 - Declared June 13
- Delta Township
 - Included in Eaton County declaration on June 13
- Osceola County
 - Requested June 11, request pending
- Ottawa County
 - Requested June 13, request pending

Storm Related Fatalities

There are six confirmed fatalities resulting from the severe weather on June 6-8, 2008. Three fatalities in Ottawa County, two fatalities in Allegan County, and one fatality in Delta Township (Eaton County). There are two fatalities confirmed in Argentine Township (Genesee County) on June 9 as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning from a generator located in the home used during an electricity outage.

A vehicle submerged in the Thornapple River in Kent County today at 4:30 a.m. resulting in one fatality. Reports indicate the car went into the river and traveled about 200 yards downstream from where it left the road. There is a strong current in the river due to increased water levels from recent rain.